(b) whether it is also a fact that the said ship is 36 years old and had already outlived a major part of its service life; and

(c) if so, what are the specific reasons for the acquisition of that ship?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The Indian Navy acquired Indian Naval Ship (INS) Jalashwa (ex-USS Trenton) after a Joint Visual Inspection of the ship.

(b) and (c) The ship was 36 years old, but the Indian Navy assessed her residual life to be above 10 years. The ship can be used for amphibious operations as well as in disaster relief.

Delay in acquisiton of defence equipments

†2524. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that acquisition of defence equipment are getting delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons for such delay; and

(c) whether it is not possible to fix a time limit for defence acquisitions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Government has promulgated Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2006 with effect from 1.9.2006 to ensure expeditious procurement of defence equipment. DPP-2006 has also included provisions to streamline the procurement procedure.

(c) DPP-2006 has included a broad time frame for procurement activities.

Exodus of scientists from DRDO

†2525. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred question 2343 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th September, 2007 and state:

(a) the number of scientists resigned from DRDO during the last five years;

(b) the details of revised proposal submitted by Government to check exodus of scientists;

(c) the details of packages being provided to the scientists by private companies leaving DRDO; and

(d) the details of the proposal for scientists submitted by Government to Sixth Central Pay Commission?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The number of scientists resigned from DRDO in the last five years (2003-2007) is 1107.

(b) DRDO has submitted a comprehensive proposal of incentives for scientists and the details of the proposal are as under:—

- Authorisation of additional increments to scientist 'B' at the time of joining.
- Enhancement of professional update alllowance.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- Enhancement of Study Leave Period for acquiring higher qualification *viz.* Ph.D, M.Tech. etc.
- Internet facility to all the scientists at residence.
- Individual consultancy and collaborative opportunities.
- Fast track promotion policy.
- Grant of sabbatical leave for interaction with Academia, R&D Departments, and Industries.
- Detailing scientists for short term/long term training courses in frontier areas of research within the country or abroad.
- Entitling all scientists for air travel on official duty.
- Reimbursement of residential telephone and Internet expenses for young scientists also.
- Award scheme to be augmented.
- Adjunct appointment.
- Sharing of monetary benefits of commercialization of products/processes developed by inventors.
- Augmentation of residential facilities, recreational, medical and educational facilities.
- Better social life in the DRDO living campus.

(c) No such data is being maintained at DRDO.

(d) The proposal for scientists of DRDO was submitted to 6th Central Pay Commission as under:—

- Proposed pay scales as per Government norms with three increments (instead of 2) at every stage to be treated as part of pay for all purposes including pension.
- Intellectual capital pay @30% of basic pay.
- Two increments presently given to scientists in the grade of scientist 'C' to scientist 'F' and Rs. 2000/- special pay given to scientist 'G' in the pay scale of Rs. 18400-22400 in lieu of separate higher scale to be immediately declared as part of pay for DA and Pension made applicable to all serving and retired scientists.
- Three increments uniformly to all scientists from scientist 'C' to scientist 'H'.
- Internet Access to all scientist and reimbursement of telephone/Internet expenses at the rate of Rs. 1000/- p.m. to scientist who are presently not covered.
- Enhancement of professional update allowance from Rs. 5000/- p.a. to Rs. 25000/- p.a.
- Higher qualifications allowance of Rs. 1000/- p.m. to scientist having higher qualification M.Tech/Ph.D at every level.
- Laptop grant of Rs. 40,000/- to all scientists.

- Hazard allowance @ 15% of basic pay under FR 9 (25) to scientists posted in such duties.
- Special compensatory allowance for additional higher responsibility under FR-25@ Rs. 5000/- p.m. to Directors, Rs. 10,000/- p.m. to Chief Controllers/ Outstanding/Distinguished Scientists and Rs. 20,000/- p.m. to Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri and Secretary Defence (R&D).
- Air move on all duties to scientists.
- Filed trial allowance of Rs. 500/- per day during the trials conducted at remote places on Ships/Helicopter/submarine etc. in addition to normal D.A.
- Remote area allowance of Rs. 3000/- p.m. or free rations and facilities as applicable to Service Officers posted there.
- Sharing of royalty of commercialized products on the lines of CSIR.
- Reward for systems introduced in the Services @ 1% of production value.
- As an incentive to promote innovation, one time reward of Rs. 10,000/- for patents approved and paper published in Referred Journals.
- Financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh for attending International conference once in 2 years.
- Sabbatical leave of two years in two spells for scientists who have completed 10 years of service.
- Enhancement of Study Leave from 24 months to 36 months and extension by 12 months more with combination of other kind of leave.
- Living allowance of Rs. 3000/- when detailed for course of study beyond 180 days.
- Permission to hold adjunct appointment for scientist having completed 20 years service not exceeding one month in a year and accept honorarium/fee thereof.
- Medical insurance in addition to CGHS.
- Life insurance for scientist/staff during hazardous trials.
- Enhancement of age of superannuation to 62 years and selectively to 65 years for experts.
- VRS (with Golden Handshake) for scientists who have completed 20 years service to facilitate migration to industries and to generate committed defence production.
- Contractual appointment for experts proposed for Technical, Administration & Allied Categories.

Cost escalation of admiral Gorshkov

2526. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Russian deal for the aircraft carrier-Admiral Gorshkov (Rechristened